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SIG Monthly

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Distinguished Schools Highlights



Francis W. Parker

Elementary School 56,

Indianapolis Public Schools
*Growth and Closing the
Achievement Gap*



**Valley Grove Elementary
School,**

Anderson Community
Schools

*Exceptional Student
Performance*

**Learn More about Indiana's
Distinguished Schools here:**

<http://www.doe.in.gov/sig/dist-distinguished-schools>

National Title I Conference

2016

Frontiers of Opportunity

January 28 - 31, Houston TX

IDOE Highlights

IDOE presented on coordination of Title I and Title II funding as well as school improvement planning and sustainability

IDOE participated in NASTID board and committee meetings

IDOE met with school turnaround experts throughout the week

IDOE learned more on ESSA-- Every Student Succeeds Act. Check out more information on the US Department of Education's Website, <http://www2.ed.gov/policy/elsec/leg/essa/index.html>

Indiana Highlights

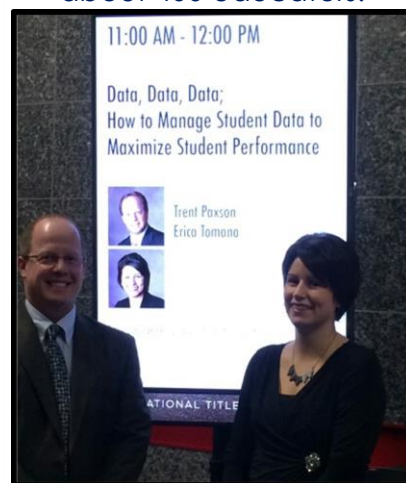


Kekionga Middle School

from Fort Wayne

Community Schools in
Indiana presented

"Teaching Backwards: Using
Data to Drive Instruction to
about 400 educators.



Jay School Corporation

shared their journey for a second consecutive year on "Data, Data, Data; How to Manage Student Data to Maximize Student Performance.



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Reminders and Updates

- Cohort 4:** The IDOE SIG team will be visiting this month to discuss sustainability and help customize a plan for SY 16-17 with schools.
- Cohort 5:** The kickoff for the FACE initiative begins this month. Our team will be visiting you to discuss FACE and what supports are still needed at your schools.
- Cohort 6:** Schools should be focusing on completing their Data Dashboard. We will have a WebEx scheduled after the first submission date: 3/25/16 to discuss what data we have found from all of our schools. Onsite visits will be scheduled within the next two months.

School Improvement Plan Submission Options

Categories of Schools:	Feb. 1st	Mar. 1st
SY15-16 Title I served - F/P 1003a Grant Participants		X
All other schools that want to utilize ASSIST for SIP submission	X	
Accredited AdvancED School		X
School Paying for ASSIST with other funds for SY15-16		X
If you're not choosing to use ASSIST than you will submit your SIP to DOE Online		X

****A Focus or Priority school not using ASSIST must submit their SAP (Student Achievement Plan) to their Outreach Coordinator by March 1, 2016.**

Highlights

STLC's Blog: Turnaround in Action- features your Indiana Department of Education's Office of Early Learning and Intervention. Select the link to read our most recent blog: [Ongoing District Support](#).

ESSA: The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), replaces No Child Left Behind. The new ESSA will begin to take effect in August of 2016 and our current waiver from certain aspects of No Child Left Behind remains in effect until then. See attached [press release](#) to learn more. A copy of the waiver application can be found [here](#).

SIG Website: Our IDOE SIG website has recently been updated. Please check out it out and share with your school as a SIG resource <http://www.doe.in.gov/sig>.

Promising Practices: To view some exciting Promising Practices check out the website <http://www.doe.in.gov/titlei/promising-practices-title-i-schools>.

SIG Highlights: Do you have something you would like to highlight for your school? Contact Audrey at acarnahan@doe.in.gov to be featured in a newsletter and on the IDOE website.

SIG School Success: To learn more about three schools that used SIG to improve student learning outcomes select the link, [Snapshots of School Turnaround](#).



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Resources and Opportunities

Resources

SIG Google+ Community:

We take feedback seriously from our SIG schools on how to improve and communicate more efficiently. A few suggestions included a Google+ Community. Please [click here](#) to find our newly created SIG Google+ Community. Share this page with your administration team and teachers to network with schools and share as much as you want.

Opportunities

Indiana Summit on Out-of-School Learning: The 2016 Summit brings together youth programs and community partners to connect, learn new ideas, access valuable resources, and transform learning beyond the school day for Indiana youth. The event will be held at the Indiana Convention Center on Monday April 11, 2016 - Tuesday, April 12, 2016. Register as soon as possible to learn more about outstanding after school programs. [Click here to register.](#)

Hoosier Heroines Essay Contest: Students in 5th through 9th grade are invited to participate in the Hoosier Heroines Essay Contest for a chance to visit the Indiana Statehouse. The finalists will be greeted as special guests of First Lady Karen Pence and Indiana's female statewide office holders, including Superintendent Ritz. Essays must be submitted by the February 22, 2016 deadline. The essay winners will be notified by March 1st and the awards program will take place at the Indiana Statehouse March 30th.

Spring Semester 2016: Teaching with Primary Sources Institutes that will be offered by the [Indiana University Center on Representative Government](#)

INTASS: free, online evaluator training is being offered again this semester. Participants will earn a **certification that** is recognized by the Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) and the Indiana State Board of Education (SBOE) and that provides strong evidence of evaluation program quality for state monitoring purposes. Participants will also earn 6 hours of **Professional Growth Points** (PGPs). See the [attached flyer](#).

Indiana Education Service Centers: offer a variety of professional development opportunities. To learn more about professional learning opportunities in your area, visit the website of an Education Service Center in your area.

- [Region 8 Education Service Center](#)
- [Central Indiana Education Service Center](#)
- [Northwest Indiana Education Service Center](#)
- [Southern Indiana Education Service Center](#)
- [East Central Indiana Education Service Center](#)
- [West Central Indiana Education Service Center](#)
- [Wabash Valley Education Service Center](#)
- [Wilson Education Center ESC Region 2](#)